

Children's Justice Act Committee
Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
100 Community Place, 1st Floor, Conference Room, Side B
Crownsville, MD 21032
Thursday, October 24, 2019
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members:

Detective Thomas Pyles, Chair
Kerry Hannan, Vice Chair
Yorri Berry (phone)
Mary-Ann Burkhart
Cynthia Callahan
Michelle Chudow
Stephanie Cooke
Elizabeth Hall
Ed Kilcullen
Joan Stine
Krista Trahan

Guest:

Lisa Dever, Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office

Staff:

Carly Gayda, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Kelly Gorman, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Jessica Wheeler, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:36 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes (April 2019 and July 2019)

Minutes from the April 2019 and July 2019 meeting were provided to members. Dr. Chudow made a motion to approve the minutes; Judge Callahan seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

IV. ChildFirst Training Discussion

Ms. Wheeler informed the committee that the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC) is no longer going to organize and host the ChildFirst Training for forensic interviewers after the current grant cycle. The committee and Maryland as a state has really put an emphasis and value on the ChildFirst training and is committed to continue providing the training moving forward. Ms. Wheeler informed the committee that a new host/organization is needed to take over the planning responsibilities of the training since MPCTC will no longer be doing. Members discussed potential options and will re-examine the issue at the next meeting once additional information is gathered. A final decision will be made before October 1, 2020.

V. Handle with Care Best Practices Workgroup

Ms. Gorman proposed a potential Handle with Care best practices workgroup to the committee. The workgroup will be tasked to create a best practices resource guide to distribute among participating *Handle with Care Maryland* partners. The workgroup will also look to experts outside of the committee to include a wide range of expertise. The expected timeframe for the workgroup to develop the guide is about 6 months. Dr. Chudow, Joan Stine and Det. Pyles volunteered to join the committee. Members were asked to contact Kelly Gorman if they are interested in serving on this committee.

VI. Old/New Business

Ms. Gorman provided members with the final Children's Justice Act (CJAC) grant allocation breakdown for fiscal year 2020. Ms. Wheeler asked members for presentation recommendations for future meetings. Traditionally, the committee invites a CJAC grantee to present on their program.

Ms. Wheeler provided the committee with an update on the prosecution workgroup. The workgroup identified training needs from the field and is working to schedule a one-day training with the Maryland State's Attorney's Association in December. Ms. Wheeler will share more details once they are finalized.

VII. Adjournment

Detective Pyles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Chudow seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting:

April 16, 2019

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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